

**February 7, 2007** 

H.Res. 72 – Recognizing the work and accomplishments of Mr. Britt "Max" Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center upon his retirement

## **Floor Situation**

H.Res. 72 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Tim Mahoney (D-FL) on January 17, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Science and Technology, by voice vote, on January 31, 2007.

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## **Summary**

H.Res. 72 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- ➤ Honors Mr. Britt `Max' Mayfield's commitment to improving the accuracy of hurricane forecasting as Director of the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center;
- Thanks Mr. Mayfield for his service, which has undoubtedly helped to save countless lives and the property of citizens around the world;
- Commends Mr. Mayfield's dedication to expanding educational opportunities for State and local emergency management officials;
- Acknowledges the critical role that Mr. Mayfield has played in forecast and service improvements over his 34-year career;
- Recognizes the unwavering support of Mr. Mayfield's family in supporting his career;
- ➤ Wishes Mr. Mayfield continued success in his future endeavors; and,
- Recognizes the support and work of the staff of the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center during Mr. Mayfield's tenure as Director of the Center.

## Background

Mr. Mayfield is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society and a nationally and internationally recognized expert on hurricanes, and has presented papers at national and international scientific meetings, lectured in training sessions sponsored by the United

Nations World Meteorological Organization, and provided numerous interviews to electronic and print media worldwide.

Mr. Mayfield is the current Chairman of the World Meteorological Organization Regional Association-IV, which supports 26 members from Atlantic and eastern Pacific countries.

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